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VIA FACSIMILE (914-390-4085)

Honorable Charles L. Bricant United States District Judge United States Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

12/21/2007

Re:

United States v. Elia, et al. Docket No. 07 Cr. 543 (CLB)

Dear Judge Brieant:

We respectfully request that the deadline for filing a motion to suppress evidence be extended from December 28, 2007 until January 10, 2008. That is the date that codefendant's motion for severance is due to be filed.

When we were in court on December 11, I stated that I would file the motion by December 28. At that time, I was aware that all my files, furniture and computer had been moved out of the office for the week due to work that was being done and that the office would be inaccessible until December 17. However, I was not aware that I would not be able to reorganize my files and to set up my computer promptly thereafter. When my files and computer were finally set up again, I was informed that I had failed to recall that my assistants, one paralegal and one associate lawyer, would be away for all of the holiday week and for most of the holiday week, respectively, and, therefore, unavailable to assist me. I will also be away next week, but I believed I could complete work on the motion where I will be. I had intended to c-mail the completed motion to my paralegal and have her assemble it, scan it, and file and serve it. I do not have the facilities to do all that where I will be.

I attempted to contact Ms. Dunne to ascertain if the government objects to this request. I left a voice mail message for Ms. Dunne inquiring if the government objects. I have not received her response yet.

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Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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cc: Cynthia K. Dunne, Esq. Joseph A. Vita, Esq.